

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/899,489

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 12/14/2005.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

All claims are allowed. Claims 1-15 are allowed. The examiner's reasons for allowance remain as that of the previous Office Action. In addition, Applicant has clarified the claims, thereby clarifying the reasons for allowance.

This (reason for allowance) is repeated and clarified and given more detail at pages 6-7 of the latest Amendment from Applicant. At pages 6-7, each independent claim is mentioned and explained. The closest US Patents (Patent 6,006,200 Boies et al.; Patent 6,055,510 Henrick et al.; Patent 6,128,663 Thomas) do not teach such particular real identity handling in such particular closed system/network in such context of the other limitations of the claims. Pages 6-7 explain the terms and bring the reasonable meanings (by citing and incorporating the specification) in the terms, thereby clarifying the terms and the claims.

Along with other searches, US Patent Examiner's search templates for class 705/14 and 705/27 have been used. In addition to the US patents mentioned in the previous paragraphs, three Non-Patent Literature are noted:

Identity theft solutions disagree on problem; Goth, G.;
Distributed Systems Online, IEEE
Volume 6, Issue 8, Aug. 2005

Personalization through mask marketing; Strasser, M.; Zugenmaier, A.;
System Sciences, 2003. Proceedings of the 36th Annual Hawaii International
Conference on
6-9 Jan 2003 Page(s):8 pp.

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Identity Management and Data Sharing in the European Union; Otjacques et al.;
System Sciences, 2006. HICSS '06. Proceedings of the 39th Annual Hawaii
International Conference on
Volume 4, 04-07 Jan. 2006 Page(s):70a - 70a

While all three deal with identity management or marketing, they do not teach such particular real identity handling in such particular closed system/network in such context of the other limitations of the claims.

Conclusion

Points of Contact

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Or:

(571) 273-3836 (for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT")

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Kambiz Zand whose telephone number is (272) 272-3811.

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